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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE OF ARE OFFICIALS AT NBS

1. ON MARCH 12, 1973, A LETTER OF INVITATION WAS SENT FROM NBS TO DR. FOUAD AHMED SOBHY, DIR. GEN. EGYPTIAN ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (EOS) CAIRO, INVITING HIM TO NOMINATE OR SUGGEST AN ARE PARTICIPANT IN AN NBS/ AID SPONSORED WORKSHOP ON STANDARDIZATION AND MEASUREMENT SERVICES TO BE HELD IN GAITHERSBURG, MD., MAY 4-19, 1973. THROUGH INADVERTANCE THE LETTER WAS NOT CLEARED BEFORE TRANSMITTAL. DR. SOBHY REPLIED BY LETTER TO NBS PROPOSING ATTENDANCE BY FOLLOWING ARE OFFICIALS AT NBS EXPENSE:

DR. AHMED TAWFIK - UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR
INDUSTRY

DR. FOUAD AHMED SOBHY - DIRECTOR GENERAL, EOS

DR. ABDEL FATTAH DAOUD - DIRECTOR, NAT. INSTITUTE
OF METROLOGY

DR. ANWAR EL- TAWIL - HEAD, MECHANICAL MEASUREMENTS,
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EOS.

COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE BEING AIRPOUCHED.

2. NBS DID NOT ORIGINALLY CONTEMPLATE PAYING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL; HOWEVER IN VIEW OF WARMTH OF ARE REPLY AND LEVEL OF PROPOSED DELEGATION, NBS WILLING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS. COSTS OF TRAVEL TO BE CHARGED TO NBS SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY (SFC) AUTHORIZATION. DOLLAR PER DIEM IN THE U. S. NOT AUTHORIZED; ALTHOUGH NBS WILLING TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF PER DIEM IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS FROM SFC ACCOUNT. CONVERTIBILITY TO DOLLARS WOULD BE UP TO ARE. NSF HAS IN HAND RESERVATION CERTIFICATION SUFFICIENT TO COVER EXPENDITURES.

3. REQUEST YOUR CONCURRENCE AND/ OR VIEWS RE PROPOSED TRIP AND FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS. DEPT. FEELS THAT ATTENDANCE BY INDIVIDUALS PROPOSED BY ARE WOULD BE USEFUL AND HAS NO OBJECTION TO SUPPORT OF TRAVEL FROM SFC FUNDS. IF YOU APPROVE, DISPERSEMENT WILL BE REQUESTED BY SEPTTEL.

4. IF YOU APPROVE, REQUEST FOLLOWING MSG. BE DELIVERED TO DR. SOBHY:

" NBS DELIGHTED BY NEWS OF THE INTENDED PARTICIPATION IN MAY 4-19 WORKSHOP ON STANDARDIZATION AND MEASUREMENT SERVICES OF YOURSELF, UNDERSECRETARY TAWFIK, DIRECTOR TAOUD AND DR. EL- TAWIL. ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAVEL WILL BE MADE THROUGH USINT. NBS REGRETS THAT IT CANNOT MAKE DIRECT DOLLAR PER DIEM PAYMENTS IN THE U. S. TO THE DELEGATION. PAYMENT OF EQUIVALENT SUM IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS IN EGYPT CAN BE AUTHORIZED, HOWEVER CONVERSION TO DOLLARS MUST BE AT THE DISCRETION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT."

5. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR VIEWS ASAP. ROGERS

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